

## DR. PILCHER'S STATEMENT

Re Replies in Detail to Recent Charges Against Him.

To the editor of the State Journal:

I notice statements in certain republican papers relative to the conduct of the asylum for idiotic and imbecile youth at Winfield, Kas., and regarding the treatment of certain of the inmates, and certain surgical operations that have been performed upon some of the inmates, and the statements made in regard to such operations as being appalling, cruel and unfit for publication, and making charges against my management of that institution and the treatment of the inmates. I have to say that all such charges are absolutely and unqualifiedly false in every particular. The surgical operations, which are the ones referred to, were performed by myself and three reputable physicians and surgeons, to-wit: Dr. George Emerson, of Winfield, Kas., Dr. F. M. Pickens, of Winfield, Kas., and Dr. Cooper, of Dexter, Kas.; and each of the operations were performed after consultation with these physicians, and after due examination of each patient, and after it was advised to be necessary on account of the disease and malady with which they were afflicted, and that such operations were skillfully performed and were in the opinion of the physicians making the same necessary and proper.

Before any such operations were performed, in order to determine whether the same was necessary or advisable, I called these doctors in consultation, and such operations were performed only after careful examination of the condition of each inmate, and when it was decided that it was necessary and proper for the skillful treatment, health and preservation of life of the inmates, that such operations be performed. I invite the fullest examination into everything that was done, and refer anybody that desires to inquire to the above-named gentlemen, who are eminent in their profession, and thoroughly understand the reasons for my course in this respect.

Regarding the criminal prosecution against the editor and employees of the Winfield Courier, I desire to say that I did institute such proceedings, and that the man who wrote the articles concerning my conduct of this institution, Mr. A. J. Hawthorn, died after the commencement of the proceedings. After the case was dismissed I was informed that the other defendants, Mr. E. P. Greer and Mr. J. P. Watson, through their attorney, applied to my attorney and urged a dismissal of the prosecution as to them stating that they had nothing to do with its publication, and that they were both absent at the time it was put into the paper, and that if they had been here, it would not have been published and that the charges were without any foundation, and they urged that they would so testify, and that they would not have permitted such publication to have been made had they been present, or advised of its being done, and urging that I should be responsible for the entire matter, and that they would publish a contradiction. And the prosecution was dismissed at the urging and solicitation of these parties, as I was afterwards informed, and for the reasons above stated, and not through the solicitation nor at the request of myself or my attorney. That I was ready at all times with a large number of witnesses to show conclusively that each and every statement was malicious and false.

The scurrilous and infamous articles which I have seen in the papers regarding myself have been published for no other purpose than for political effect, and are absolutely without foundation, and are made without any investigation or application to myself or any other person informed as to the facts concerning the management of this institution, and I brand them now and here as malicious, republican, political lies.

I do not make this explanation upon the theory that any sensible person will be misled by anything that has been said in the papers, but I do it that the people of Kansas may understand the character of campaign work now carried on by a lot of republican so-called morally inclined, and educational newspapers.

E. H. H. PILCHER, M. D., Superintendent Idiotic and Imbecile Asylum.

REPUBLICAN PHYSICIAN'S STATEMENT.

WINFIELD, Kas., July 23, 1894.

We, the undersigned, are physicians and surgeons engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery at Winfield, Kas. We were called in consultation upon four different occasions by Dr. P. Pilcher, superintendent of the asylum for idiotic and imbecile youth, located near this city. We examined as to the condition of a number of inmates who were so afflicted as in our judgment to make surgical operations necessary. We advised the making of such operations, and every one of them, and assisted in the same, and we believe that such operations were necessary and proper in every respect, and that the inmates operated upon received proper treatment, and the best attention that could be given them in connection with their unfortunate condition.

We are ready to give full and detailed statements as to everything that occurred and desire to state that Dr. Pilcher called upon us upon each occasion, and that at the time of each of said operations we were present at his request and assisted in performing them, and that they were properly performed, and according to the rules and practice of surgery in that respect, and that due care and attention was used so as to produce as little suffering as possible to the unfortunate inmates thus afflicted. The in our opinion there is no ground for any charge of improper conduct on the part of Dr. Pilcher towards any of the inmates referred to.

GEORGE EMERSON, F. M. PICKENS.

STATEMENT OF COUNTY ATTORNEY.

WINFIELD, Kas., July 23, 1894. I am the county attorney of Cowley county, Kansas. I know Dr. Pilcher, superintendent of the asylum for idiotic and imbecile youth. I am also acquainted with E. P. Greer and J. P. Watson, and knew W. Hawthorn in his lifetime. I am conversant with the proceedings for criminal libel against the above named parties. After the commencement of such proceedings the said Hawthorn died, and that before

court convened at which the information against the said defendants was tried, Mr. W. P. Hickney, the attorney for E. P. Greer and J. P. Watson approached me and urged a dismissal of said action as to the said defendants and gave as a reason therefore that the libelous publication was put into the Winfield Courier by J. W. Hawthorn, who was then dead, and that neither E. P. Greer or J. P. Watson were at home at the time of such publication and were not consulted in regard to it; and had no knowledge that it was to be made until after it had been published, and that if they had been here they would not have made such publication, and further, that the said E. P. Greer and J. P. Watson would so testify, and upon such information I caused a nolle to be entered of the prosecution.

That I took this action without conferring with Dr. Pilcher and do not know that he had any knowledge in regard to the course I would pursue. I further state that he did not request a dismissal of these prosecutions, and that no such request ever came from him at any time. That it was brought about entirely by the death of the defendant Hawthorn, and upon the statements of the other defendants referred to.

GEORGE W. SMITH.

## BICYCLER IN TROUBLE

Miss Fanny Diment May Be Sued For Running Over Mrs. Kate Mitchell.

There was another bicycle accident last night that may result in a damage suit.

As Mrs. Kate Mitchell and two children were passing Kansas avenue and Second street she was struck by a bicycle which she says was ridden by Miss Fannie Diment, and thrown to the ground. Besides being rendered insensible her back and arm were badly bruised.

Mrs. Mitchell is almost an invalid and has been in poor health for some time. She had just been to visit a doctor. Besides the other injuries she sustained a nervous shock. When she was struck she carried in her pocketbook a pocketbook containing about \$30, and it has not been seen since. It is probable that it was picked up by some one in the crowd that gathered.

Mrs. Mitchell was taken to her home and is feeling bad today. She says she did not hear any one approach and did not know there was a bicycle near her until she was struck. Neither of the children were hurt much.

Miss Diment says she called to Mrs. Mitchell to look out, but the latter did not hear the warning.

The injured woman's husband is indignant and talks seriously of bringing legal action for damages against Miss Diment.

## MARY LEASE'S LECTURE.

A Small Assembly Pays 25c Apiece to Hear the Noted Woman.

Even Mrs. Lease failed to draw a large crowd at the lecture last night at Hamilton hall for the benefit of the Lutheran church. The small attendance was probably due to the fact that an admission fee was charged.

The subject was "What shall we bequeath to posterity?" and it only took Mrs. Lease a little more than half an hour to answer the question. Only once was she interrupted by applause, and that was when she told the old story about the beggar, the doctor and the Lord's prayer, which she uses in her political speeches.

Those present last night were disappointed. Not because they did not hear a logical discussion of universal religion, but because those who came expected to hear Mrs. Lease flash forth invectives in vigorous oratory. Her manner was not as usual, and she seemed to be unable to enter into the spirit of her subject.

The new religion, Mrs. Lease said, would be "The brotherhood of man and the stewardship of wealth." She said that the people were learning to realize the meaning of the Lord's prayer.

## STATE LEVY 3.8-10 MILLS

The Auditor Makes the Levy—Total Tax About Forty Mills.

Auditor of State Van B. Prather today served notice on the county clerk that the tax levy for 1894 for state purposes is placed at 3.80 mills. The city levy, which is the greatest of the levies, had not been sent to the county clerk, although it was due there Monday. It will probably be about 30 mills, which, with the county and state levies, will make a total of nearly four cents on the dollar. Last year the levy was: General revenue 20.10, library 10, school 10, mills, total 30.60 mills. The city levy will be almost the same this year, which would make the total levy 39.40 mills.

## WEALERS SENT HOME.

District Commissioners and Citizens of Washington Got Them Transportation.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8.—Through the efforts of the district commissioners and leading citizens, about eighty communists, composing the Galvin and Thomas divisions of Frye's army, left the city last night over the Chicago and Ohio railroad for their homes in Cincinnati and Los Angeles. The train is expected to reach Indianapolis tonight where arrangements will be made for transportation further west.

Before leaving, Galvin and Thomas jointly signed an open letter thanking those who had in any way assisted the wealers. Galvin and Thomas, it is said, are the only commonwealth leaders who have not deserted their men after bringing them here. There are only a few wealers remaining in this vicinity, and they will leave as soon as transportation can be had for them.

## Lawrence Gazette Gets a Charter.

The charter of the Lawrence Gazette company was filed in the office of the secretary of state today. The company will continue the publication of the Lawrence daily and weekly Gazette and carry on a job printing establishment. The capital stock of the company is placed at \$10,000, and the incorporators and directors are R. W. Sparr, Frank L. Webster, T. J. Sweeney and E. T. Field, all of Lawrence.

## Had a Valise Full of Dynamite.

MARKETTES, Aug. 8.—An Italian anarchist named Panetti, has been arrested here. The prisoner was recently arrived from America, has in his possession a valise full of dynamite. Panetti was going to Italy in order to commit outrages.

Put prices on summer footwear. Furman's.

Prescott & Co. will remove to No. 118 West Eighth this month.

## Played—With a Double Meaning.

A good joke was recently played on the girls of a certain American town by the young men there. The boys had been rather remiss in their attentions to the young ladies and had been "stagnant" in the theater, parties, etc., until the girls got tired of being left out in the cold and decided to show their independence. Consequently eight of the girls hired a box at the theater and made a very charming theater party. The play was "Wanted, a Husband," and the girls sat serene through it all, never dreaming that the wicked boys had taken one of the largest flaring pictures, "Wanted, a Husband," and fastened it around the box so that the audience might read.—Tit-Bits.

Cruelty.



Lucullus Brown (on hospital purpose intent)—Are you dining anywhere tomorrow night?

Jones (not liking to absolutely give himself away)—Let me see. (Considers.) No, I'm not dining anywhere tomorrow.

Lucullus Brown (seeing through the artifice)—Um! Poor chap. How hungry you will be!—Punch.

## Almost a Tragedy.

She was a fair young creature of some 15 summers—more or less.

She wore a slightly alarmed look and a brown braided jacket at 18 and 11-3, sale price.

She occupied one corner of a compartment car.

But she was not alone.

No.

A beetle browed ruffian sat in the farther corner and glowered darkly upon the hapless girl.

He wore a long black coat.

A slouch hat.

And a general air of mystery which would have befitted a sausage factory.

By the feeble light of the lamp above his eyes seemed to shine with a devilish malignity as he gazed across at his helpless companion.

Or victim?

Al!

The train sped on into the deepening mist.

It would stop no more until—until it reached Loughboro Junction.

What tragedy is this?

What tale of horror are we about to unfold?

Reader, have patience.

The black browed ruffian looked craftily across at the luckless girl from beneath his coal black lashes.

Her eyes fell beneath his piercing gaze.

Rapidly, silently, his long, lean right hand disappeared in the breast of his cloak.

The girl raised her eyes and saw the action.

Her hair stiffened, her very heart's blood seemed to freeze within her, and she sat in mute horror gazing at the villain, with terror-stricken looks.

He was feeling for a concealed weapon.

There could be no doubt of it.

In another moment all would be over and she a bleeding corpse upon the floor, with this murderer, this madman, gloating over his dread handiwork.

Oh, for the power to think, to pull the communication cord, to scream for the help which must come too late.

The assassin removed his hand. The light glinted upon the burnished metal of his pistol.

He raised it deliberately and—

Bang!

The girl sprang quickly into the air, with a stifled cry, and then sank back upon the seat.

Dead?

No. The man had only taken out his brandy flask, and the train had gone over a fog signal.—New York Record.

## He Might Walk If He Liked.

One of the most serious inconveniences to a stranger wanting to get about in New York is the few cross town car lines.

The oldest inhabitant gets tangled up sometimes. I asked a man at the corner of Broadway and Thirty-third street one day how I could get to the Thirty-fourth street ferry.

"What's that?" he inquired in a dazed way, scratching his head for scattering information. I repeated my question.

"Well, there are three ways," said he. "One is to go up to Forty-second street and around that way; another is to go down to Twenty-third street and around that way."

"But the third way?"

"You can walk across or hire a wagon."

—New York Herald.

## Likely.

The professor was lecturing on some of the habits and customs of the ancient Greeks to his class.

"The ancient Greeks built no roofs over their theaters," said the professor.

"What did the ancient Greeks do when it rained?" asked Johnny Fizzlefoot.

The professor took off his spectacles, polished them with his handkerchief and replied calmly, "They got wet, I suppose."—Tit-Bits.

## Business Before Pleasure.

Summer Youth—Then you do really love me, darling?

Summer Girl—Passionately, my own. I am yours now until death.

Summer Youth—And have you any references from your last engagement?

Southern Journal.

## The Proper Charge.

Stillingfleet—What would you do with a thief who never has your trousers done at the time he has contracted to deliver them?

Wienbiddle—See him for breeches of promise.—Truth.

## Deserved It.

Robby—How did the sphinx get the credit of being so wise, papa?

Mr. Morris—By keeping his mouth shut for 3,000 years.—Tit-Bits.

## WE LEAVE NO STONE UNTURNED

To make a ringing success of our Mid-Summer Clearance Sale. Prices that you would consider low and that WE KNEW to be low a week and two weeks ago, we have again let down many points. They are almost at the point of absurdity now, but experience has taught us that a loss, no matter how severe, has an advantage for the future.

S. J. Barnum & Co.

617-619 KANSAS AVENUE.

Ladies' Shirt Waists that were 65c and 75c a few weeks ago, Now 38c.

Children's Fast Black Ribbed Hose, sizes 6 to 8½, were 25c. Now 15c.

Children's Tan Hose, same sizes, were 18c. Now 12½c.

Ladies' Fine Jersey Ribbed Vests. Silk Tape on neck and arms. Sold at 40c. Down to 25c.

China Silks, 65c quality, ought to go out of stock quickly at 39 cents.

Ladies' Fine Silk Mittens, black only, reduced from 45 to 30c.

Very fine quality in black and colors, reduced from 65 to 40c.

Boys' all Wool Mohair and all Wool Flannel Matched Coats and Vests for hot weather. Were \$3.50, \$4.00, \$4.50. Now \$1.98.

Men's and Boy's Straw Hats on which prices were \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, your choice at 48 cents.

Our Clothing Window tells the tale.

Finest quality of Swivel Silks, dainty patterns. Drop from 75c to 39c.

A price that doesn't pay for the raw silk in them.

Here is how we will wind up our stock of Wash Goods, something over 3,000 yards of assorted Summer Fabrics, principally Light Grounds. They went easily at 12½c and 15c. How about 6½c now.

A bale of Cloverdale Brown Muslin. Cotton that you buy without complaint at 8½c. It is the finest we have ever seen offered at 6½ cents.

6½ Chenille Table Covers, worth \$1.75. Sale Price \$1.

Five thousand yards best American Indigo Prints. Sale Price 5c a yd.

Cleaning up prices on Gent's Summer Underwear. 40c Bleached Drill Drawers, 25 cents.

75c Silk Finish Balbriggan Underwear, 48 cents.

65c Nainsook Drawers, 39 cents.

75c Elastic Bottom Jean Drawers, 48 cents.

CHILDREN'S PARASOLS, Regular 25c kind.

We offer them for the last time at 15 cents.

Forty pieces best quality APRON CLUCK GINGHAMS, Worth 8½c.

We mark at 6½c.

\$1.25, \$1.50 and \$1.75 Laundered and Soft Shirt Waists for ladies; all of this season's production; drop way down to 95c for choice.

Thousands of yards of choice assorted Laces at 1c, 15c, 20c and 30c; worth fully 50 per cent more.

Fauvelley Collars and Cuffs to match in white and colors, sold at 65c, will be 35c a set.

GENT'S LAUNDRIED COLORED SHIRTS.

The \$1.00 ones now..... 69c

The \$1.25 ones now..... 95c

The \$1.75 ones now..... 1.15

Really worth that Much to make them.

## NORTH TOPEKA.

Items of Interest from the North Side of the River.

Ray Parmeter is confined to his home by sickness.

Mrs. George Currier has returned from her trip to Ohio.

Miss Daisy Kimball is expected home from Ilerington this week.

Miss Ayrle Betts has returned from a week's visit among friends in the country.

H. M. Hale, of the firm of Hale & Evans has gone to St. Louis on a business trip.

H. H. Fowler and family returned last night from a ten days' visit in Osborne county.

One Santa Fe man says he got all his pay this week except a half day he worked in July.

Mrs. M. C. Holman accompanied by her children has gone to Manhattan to remain till cool weather.

Mr. Edwin Brazier and family are expected to return here soon to reside, after an absence of some years.

Tramps are becoming early risers. It is no unusual occurrence to have them call as early as 6 o'clock in the morning and ask for something to eat.

Go to Will Griffith's for the best tin galvanized iron and pump work.

Monarch gasoline stoves at Henry's.

Go to Henry's for roofing and spouting.

A full leather extension top surrey for \$100, at Lukens Bros., North Topeka.

"Our New Delight" and all Dangler stores at H. M. Cline's.

For bargains in shingles see E. P. Ewart, Gordon and Kansas avenue.

Get our prices on the very best quality of meats in the market.

GOODMAN BROS. 841 N. K. A.

W. C. Sly has moved his millinery two doors south of the old stand, and is closing out summer millinery at cost—828 North Kansas avenue.

We have another shipment of that fine celery today.

GOODMAN BROS. 841 N. K. A.

Fred Waite died at 8:30 o'clock last night at the home of his brother-in-law, Officer Owen of the police force. His death was caused by appendicitis. He was 18 years of age. His father who resides in the southern part of the state has been sent for and arrangements for the funeral will not be made until he arrives.

Shorey was the scene of a very sad affair yesterday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Post who are employed at the farm school have their home at Shorey and employ a house-keeper who has charge of their children four in number. About 3 o'clock the house-keeper put the youngest two to bed upstairs for their regular afternoon nap. She was startled a few minutes later by seeing the older of the two, a girl about four years of age, rush down stairs enveloped in flames. She uttered a scream which brought in a neighbor woman and together they succeeded in extinguishing the blaze. The little one was severely burned all over her left side and her rescuers were also badly scorched. Dr. Ryder was called and dressed the damaged parts, but gives little hope of her recovery. The affair is supposed to be the result of playing with matches.

## RELIEF FOR DESTITUTE.

The County Commissioners Make Some Changes Regarding Paupers.

The county commissioners have decided that it costs too much money to provide for the destitute families in Shawnee county, so they have determined upon a plan which the board thinks will greatly reduce the expense. Improvements will be made at the county poor farm north of town, so that more people can be accommodated there than formerly, and all persons who have been in the habit of receiving their provisions from Poor Commissioner Hale year after year will hereafter be deemed paupers and sent to the poor farm.

The county has been paying from \$9,000 to \$15,000 a year towards supporting the county's destitute. It is figured that the paupers can be supported at the poor farm for 14 cents a day. The county poor commissioner will vacate his old stand on Smoky Row and occupy the county auditor's room at the court house, Auditor Fagan having transferred his office to 531 Kansas avenue.

## COLORED CANDIDATES.

Talk of Bringing Out Two of Them for Representative.

The legislative fight in this county threatens to become more complicated by the entry of two colored Republicans into the race.

An effort is being made, it is said, to get C. L. DeRaudamie to run against S. M. Gardenhire in the south district, and John A. Brown, the ex-county clerk, is talked about as an independent candidate against A. C. Sherman on the north side.

Mr. DeRaudamie stated today that while it was true he had been urged to become a candidate he had not decided whether he would or not.

## WOMAN'S POLITICAL DEAL

Agreed to Marry Her Opponent If He Would Go Off the Track.

MINNEAPOLIS, Aug. 8.—A paper published near Forman, N. D., brings out a romantic incident in connection with the nomination by the Republican state convention of Miss Emma F. Bates of Valley City to be state superintendent of schools. Miss Bates had charge of her canvass for the nomination and found formidable opponents in Hon. John H. Devine and Prof. J. H. Holland. She was able to sidetrack the latter by making herself solid with the Young Men's Republican League.

She then entered into negotiations with Mr. Devine, first demanding unconditional surrender. This he refused. After further negotiation, it is said, he agreed to pull off the track, provided if she was elected state superintendent, she would make him her county and marry him into the bargain.

After some deliberation, she agreed to do this providing he would stump the state for her. This was also agreed to. As he is a powerful speaker, with a fund of wit and repartee, Miss Bates is conceded to have made the shrewdest political deal yet known.

Miss Kittie Koehler is spending the summer with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Willett.

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